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## *Citizen Corps Score*

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### Indiana Safety and Health, Inc. Offers Low Cost Training

Indiana Safety and Health, Inc. (INSH) is an organization dedicated to providing the best training possible in First Aid, CPR, bloodborne pathogens, AED, and other OSHA compliant classes at affordable prices. INSH also provides background checks, drug screening, and TB testing. INSH is also willing to come to you to teach the classes. For restrictions, class minimums and more information please visit [www.indianasafetyandhealth.com](http://www.indianasafetyandhealth.com)

### Indiana Citizen Corps Council Increases Partnerships

The Indiana State Citizen Corps Councils have signed affiliation statements with the Save A Life Foundation, Indiana Jaycees, and Indiana Safety and Health, Inc. These three organizations bring a lot of volunteer and training experience to the table, and will be a benefit to all local Councils who take an active role in working with them. If you would like more information on these three organizations you can visit each website: <http://www.salf.org/>, <http://www.injaycees.org/>, and <http://www.indianasafetyandhealth.com>

### Addition to National Citizen Corps Website

To help current Citizen Corps Councils, there is now a Discussion Forum on the national Citizen Corps website ([www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)). This forum will give you the ability to share ideas and pose questions to other Councils around the country. The Discussion Forum is accessible by password only. Once you have logged on the Citizen Corps Admin Site, click on "Discussion Forum," listed just under the red "Councils – Admin" bar on the left-hand navigation menu.

### Neighborhood Watch (NW) – Program Coordination

The Coordinator's job is crucial to the success of your program. This may be just the right job for a retiree or other individual who has extra time at home. This person's responsibilities may include:

- Expanding the program and maintaining a current list of participants and neighborhood residents, including names, addresses, home and work telephone numbers, and vehicle descriptions;
- Acting as liaison between WATCH members, law enforcement officers, civic groups, and block captains;
- Arranging neighborhood crime prevention training programs;
- Obtaining and distributing crime prevention materials, such as stickers and signs;
- Encouraging participation in "Operation Identification," a nationwide program in which personal property is marked undeniably with a unique identifying number to permit positive identification if valuables are lost or stolen.

To learn more about coordinating a Neighborhood Watch in your area, please visit:

[http://www.usaonwatch.org/resource/Neighborhood\\_Watch/watchmanual.pdf](http://www.usaonwatch.org/resource/Neighborhood_Watch/watchmanual.pdf)

### Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) – Selection and Management

Some key points to consider when bringing volunteers into your law enforcement agency:

- The volunteer screening process should involve an application and an interview.
- There should be a set of criteria for screening potential volunteers before establishing a volunteer program.
- An agency's needs and the volunteer's skills should be considered before placing him or her into a position.
- Agencies must select a person or persons to coordinate program activities.

Sample documents referenced here appear in the VIPS Online Resource Guide at:

<http://www.policevolunteers.org/law/resources.htm>

### Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – Considering all the Components/Possible Partners

- Always keep the big picture in mind. Even if it's impossible to handle all at once, you'll still be better prepared to meet your next challenge.
- Explore ways to coordinate with local response partners.
- Consider what your volunteers will need to develop capabilities and commitment to your MRC.
- List the things you will need to establish and maintain a strong administrative organization. What resources will you require to sustain your MRC?

MRC units work collaboratively with a broad range of local organizations, such as:

Public Health Departments	Hospitals and Clinics	Medical Societies	Senior Programs	Medical Schools	Emer. Medical Services	Emer. Planning Committees	Reg. Planning Groups
Red Cross	Police and Fire	Faith-based Organizations	Military	Center Disease Control	Neighbor Groups	Government Departments	Citizen Corps Councils
Nonprofits	VOAD	City Attorneys	Corporations	Volunteer Centers	Medical Examiner	Public Schools	SEMA

### Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) – Developing Partnerships

The list below provides some suggestions for developing CERT partners. Use this list to help you determine whom you should approach to sell your program.

- Business and Industry
- Communications/Media Organizations
- Not-for-Profit Organizations
- Public Interest Groups
- Health Care Providers
- Local Government Agencies
- Workforce Groups
- Education Groups

Not only are these groups potential partners, but also they are all groups that you should consider when marketing your program. There is more information on how to market your C.E.R.T program to these groups and more at [http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/new\\_CERT/index.htm](http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/new_CERT/index.htm)

### Looking for Private Funding for a Program?

Does your program rely heavily on federal funds? Want to try and find some funds that don't require a lengthy grant application or constant hands-on oversight? Here are some non-standard ways you can fund any of your programs without relying on federal grants.

- Request a line item in the community budget. Communities that are committed to safety, health, and emergency preparedness and response may be able to support at least part of your program costs on a continuing basis.
- Charge a fee for services (i.e. trainings, etc.).
- Solicit in-kind contributions. Corporations may be more willing to donate materials, supplies, office space, etc., rather than money.
- Apply for a grant. There are grants that are offered by private foundations and corporations that will fund programs like yours, and may even give you more money than you typically receive from your federal grants. To find some potential funders, check out <http://www.foundationcenter.org/>.

### 2004-2005 Citizen Corps Grant Recipients

The following thirteen local councils will be receiving funds for FY 2004-2005: Allen County, Elkhart County, Greater Indianapolis, Hendricks County, Monroe County, Porter County, Posey County, Scott County, Spencer County, St. Joseph County, Tippecanoe County, Warrick County, Vanderburgh County.

### Local Council Updates

**Warrick County** – Held a press conference on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with the local Red Cross office to announce the launch of Neighborhood Watch, Inc. **Vanderburgh County** – Has been traveling around the county with Evansville's new mayor at Town Hall Meetings. These meetings give the Citizen Corps Council an opportunity to inform everyone about Citizen Corps; and the Council is also working with the local Red Cross office on forming a Speaker's Bureau to go around the county discussing emergency preparedness, etc. **Spencer County** – Has started a public outreach program in an attempt to reach new prospective volunteers for the four federal Citizen Corps programs; Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch (NW), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T). These outreach booths will show videos, have CPR and AED equipment displayed, and C.E.R.T members in uniform doing cribbing and lifting, as well as emergency medical response. **Monroe County** - Is teaming up with the White House to become a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. The national award recognizes Americans who have demonstrated a long commitment to volunteer service. As a certifying organization, Monroe County Citizen Corps will verify service hours, nominate potential recipients and deliver the award. **Allen County** – Is offering a free Homeland Security class on Tuesday, July 13 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 458-2005 for more details. **Elkhart County** – Continues to have a strong partnership with it's local SALT (Seniors and Law enforcement Together)/TRIAD (which is AARP, Sheriff, and Chief of Police). This group is responsible for "housing" the local Citizen Corps Council, give it a very strong organizational structure. **Hendricks County** – Citizen Corps got to put their training to use over the last week because of Sunday's storms, Good Work!

### Publications/Resources

*Preparing for Emergencies: A Checklist for People with Mobility Problems*

<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rrr/mob-all.pdf>

*Volunteer Toolkit: Practical Equipment for Effective Volunteer Management*

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/qryArticleDetail.asp?ArticleId=505F4A0F-9A91-442B-A272-425DE088DBE5>

### Upcoming Events

#### June 13-19 is National Flag Week

June 6	D Day
June 14	Flag Day (activity ideas can be viewed at <a href="http://www.citizencorps.gov/doc/flag_day_2004.doc">www.citizencorps.gov/doc/flag_day_2004.doc</a> )
June 20	Father's Day
June 21	First Day of Summer

### Heat Safety

- The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat and humidity reach critical levels.
- At the beginning of a strenuous exercise program or after traveling to a warmer climate, the intensity and duration of exercise should be limited initially and then gradually increased during a period of 10 to 14 days to accomplish acclimatization to the heat.
- Before prolonged physical activity, the child should be well hydrated. During the activity, periodic drinking should be enforced, e.g., each 20 minutes, 5 oz of cold tap water or a flavored sports drink for a child weighing 88 lbs., and 9 oz for an adolescent weighing 132 lbs., even if the child does not feel thirsty.
- Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to facilitate evaporation of sweat. Dry garments should replace sweat-saturated garments.

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